

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

v.

CHAOYUE ZHAO and
BRIAN KUNG,

Defendants.

**Proposed
Protective Order**

20 Cr. 129 (LJL)

WHEREAS, the United States of America seeks to provide in unredacted form certain evidence pursuant to Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure; and

WHEREAS, some material that the Government seeks to provide (i) contains sensitive information that affects the privacy and confidentiality, including personally identifiable information, of specific individuals; (ii) could jeopardize or impede, if prematurely disclosed, the Government's ongoing criminal investigations of additional individuals; and (iii) is not authorized to be disclosed to the public or disclosed beyond that which is necessary for the defense of this action; and

WHEREAS, the Government is willing, under the conditions set forth below, to produce such materials;

IT IS HEREBY agreed, by and between the United States of America, Damian Williams, United States Attorney, by Stephanie Lake, Sheb Swett, and Aline R. Flodr, Assistant United States Attorneys, of counsel, and defendants CHAOYUE ZHAO and BRIAN KUNG, by and through their counsel, that:

1(a). Any material reflecting (i) sensitive identification information (including, but not limited to, names, telephone numbers, addresses, email addresses, dates of birth, Social Security

numbers, bank account information, credit card information, other sensitive financial information, and driver's license information) or (ii) that the Government designates or has previously designated, as "Confidential Information" (which may include but is not limited to (a) material the disclosure of which the Government in good faith believes could jeopardize any ongoing criminal investigation or otherwise prejudice the due administration of justice or otherwise interfere with a fair trial, and (b) video recordings, photographs, audio recordings, judicially authorized wiretap intercepts, wiretap applications, and line sheets and transcripts of judicially authorized wiretap intercepts) is deemed "Confidential Information" and shall be so identified by the Government.

1(b). The defendants may object to the designation pursuant to paragraph 1 (a) of any material the Government designates, or previously has designated, as Confidential Information. In the event of such an objection, the Government and the defendants shall meet and confer in an effort to resolve the issue. To whatever extent they fail to resolve the issue, the defendants may file a motion for an order removing the designation from specified material. The Government thereupon will have the burden of justifying the continuation of that designation. The material shall remain designated as Confidential Information unless and until either (i) the Government and the defendants agree otherwise or (ii) the Court rules to the contrary.

2. Confidential Information disclosed to the defendants or to their counsel during the course of proceedings in this action:

(a) Shall be used by the defendants and their counsel only for purposes of preparing for and conducting pre-trial proceedings, trial, and/or any appeal of this action;

(b) Shall be maintained in a safe and secure manner solely by the defendants and their counsel, and the Confidential Information and the contents thereof shall not be disclosed or

otherwise shared in any form by the defendants or their counsel except as set forth in paragraph 2(c) below;

(c) May be disclosed by the defendants or their counsel only to the following persons (hereinafter “Designated Persons”):

i) investigative, secretarial, clerical, and paralegal student personnel, or any interpreter or translator, employed full-time or part-time by the defendants’ counsel;

(ii) independent expert witnesses, investigators, or advisors retained by the defendants’ counsel in connection with this action;

(iii) potential witnesses, but only insofar as defense counsel may show the Confidential Information to potential witnesses without these individuals retaining copies of the Confidential Information; and

(iv) such other persons as hereafter may be authorized by the Court upon motion by the defendants; and

(d) Except for material that has been made part of the record of this case, all documents subject to this Protective Order must be securely destroyed or deleted by defense counsel, or returned to the Government’s attorneys, including seized ESI disclosure material, within 30 days of the expiration of the period for direct appeal from any verdict in the above-captioned case; the period of direct appeal from any order dismissing any of the charges in the above-captioned case; the granting of any motion made on behalf of the Government dismissing any charges in the above-captioned case; or the expiration of the period for the filing of a petition pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 2255; or upon Order of the Court, whichever occurs first.

3. The Government has advised that information that may be subject to disclosure in this case may be contained within ESI that the Government has seized, pursuant to warrants issued during the course of the investigation, cell phones, and other devices and storage media.

4. The Government is authorized to disclose to counsel for the defendants, for use solely as permitted herein, the entirety of such seized ESI as the Government believes may contain Confidential Information (“the seized ESI disclosure material”). The defendants, defense counsel, and personnel for whose conduct counsel is responsible, *i.e.*, personnel employed by or retained by counsel, may review the seized ESI disclosure material to identify items pertinent to the defense. They shall not further disseminate or disclose any portion of the seized ESI disclosure material except as otherwise set forth under this Order.

5. This Order places no restriction on a defendant’s use or disclosure of ESI that originally belonged to the defendant.

6. The defendants and their counsel shall provide a copy of this Order to Designated Persons to whom they disclose Confidential Information or Sensitive Material pursuant to paragraph 2(c). Prior to disclosure of Confidential Information to Designated Persons, pursuant to paragraph 2(c), any such Designated Person shall agree to be subject to the terms of this Order by signing a copy hereof and providing such copy to the defendants’ counsel, who shall retain such copy.

7. The provisions of this Order shall not be construed as preventing the disclosure of any information in any motion, hearing, or other pre-trial proceeding held in connection with the above-referenced action or to any District Judge or Magistrate Judge of this Court for purposes of

the above-referenced action. Confidential Information should be redacted from any public court filings, or should be filed under seal.

8. With respect to Confidential Information, any filings with any court shall be governed by Rule 49.1 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure.

9. The provisions of this Order shall not terminate at the conclusion of this criminal prosecution, and the Court will retain jurisdiction to enforce this Order following termination of the case.

SO ORDERED:

Dated: New York, New York
March 10, 2022



THE HONORABLE LEWIS J. LIMAN
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

AGREED AND CONSENTED TO:

DAMIAN WILLIAMS
United States Attorney

By: /s/ Stephanie Lake
Stephanie Lake/Sheb Swett/Aline Flodr
Assistant United States Attorneys

Date: March 7, 2022



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Counsel for CHAOYUE ZHAO

Date: 3/7/22

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